Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 03 May 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 02 May 2023 at 16:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for details of light rain moving north on Wednesday. High for very windy conditions on the tops on Thursday then more showery conditions from Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 03 May 2023: Mainly cloudy with some light rain spreading north. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
		FOG	FOG		FOG	FOG	
Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	30%	50%	50%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 May 2023

Weather: Mainly cloudy overnight with the odd spot of rain in the south. Some brightness over the Aberdeenshire hills at first, otherwise cloudy with outbreaks of rain spreading north in the afternoon but these mainly light in nature. Rain clearing north during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%. Best chance Aberdeenshire hills north of the Dee.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud and fog, bases 600 to 800m, but patchier cloud over Aberdeenshire hills. Away from low cloud, mainly good visibility but becoming hazy in the rain.

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Forecast for Wednesday 03 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	9/12 S	9/12 S	10/12 S	9/12 S	9/13 S	9/13 S	9/13 S	12/16 SE	15/21 SE
900	9/11 S	8/11 S	8/11 S	7/9 S	7/11 S	7/11 S	6/11 S	7/12 SE	9/15 SE
600	3/5 S	3/5 S	4/6 SE	3/6 S	4/8 NE	4/8 SE	4/8 E	4/9 SE	5/10 SE
300	3/4 SE	2/3 SE	3/6 E	5/8 E	6/9 E	6/10 SE	6/11 E	6/11 E	6/12 E
Glen	3/5 SW	2/5 S	3/5 E	5/9 E	4/8 SE	6/11 E	6/11 E	6/11 E	6/12 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	1/-2	2/-2	2/-1	3/0	4/1	4/1	4/1	4/-0	3/-1
900	3/-1	3/-0	4/1	5/2	6/3	6/4	6/3	5/2	4/1
600	4/2	4/2	4/3	5/4	7/6	8/7	7/6	6/5	5/3
300	5/4	5/4	6/4	7/6	10/8	10/9	8/7	7/5	6/4
Glen	5/4	5/4	6/5	8/6	10/9	10/8	8/7	7/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1500m	1600m	1700m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Some low cloud and fog on the tops perhaps giving some difficult navigation conditions at times.

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023
Weather: A dry day with bright or sunny spells. The strong and gusty southeasterly winds will be the main feature, especially on high exposed ridges and plateau, with sudden downslope gusts possible on lee slopes. Significant wind chill.

Maximum wind: East or Southeast 20mph increasing in the morning, 30 to 40mph with gusts of 60mph, perhaps 70mph over high exposed ridges and plateau.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility but some patchy low cloud above 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 10C.
At 800m: Plus 6C falling to 4C.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1000m.

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